GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Health Medical & Family Welfare Department - Allegation of acquisition of assets disproportionate to the known sources of income against Dr. Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, District Medical &Health Officer, Kurnool District and presently working as CSRMO, Government Victoria Hospital for Women and Children, Vishakhapatnam –Article of Charges issued– WSD received – Further action dropped - Orders Issued.

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HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (VC.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 424 Dated: 05-08-2021.

Read the following:

1. From DG,ACB,AP,Lr.Rc.No.151/RCA-CIU/2016, Dated;23-01-2017.
2. From DG,ACB,AP,Lr.Rc.No.151/RCA-CIU/2016, Dated;23-01-2017.
3. G.O.Rt.No.193, HM&FW(VC.1)Dept. Dated 22-02-2017.
4. From DG, ACB, AP, Lr.Rc.No.151/RCA-CIU/2016,Dated;29-5-2017.
5. G.O.Rt.No.359, HM&FW(VC.1) Dept, dated;05-07-2017.
6. Memo.No.466568/VC1(1)/2017, Dated:11-07-2017.
7. From the DPH&FW,AP,Lr.Rc.No.1539/VC.II.C/2016,Dt:16-10-2017.
8. Memo.No.466568/VC1(1)/2017 Dated:21-03-2018.
9. G.O.Rt.No.49, HM&FW(VC.I) Department, dated:31.01.2019.
10. G.O.Rt.No.44, HM&FW (VC.I) Department, Dated:28.01.2020.
11. G.O.Rt.No.379, HM&FW (VC.I) Department, Dated:26.08.2020.
12. G.O.Rt.No.478, HM&FW (VC.I) Department, Dated:08.10.2020.
13. From DG,ACB,AP,Lr.Rc.No.151/RCA-CIU-ACB/2016,Dt:09-12-2020.
14. G.O.Ms.No.11, HM&FW (VC.I)Dept, dt.04.02.2021.
15. From the DG,ACB,AP,Lr.Rc.No.151/RCA-CIU/2016,Dt;06-04-2021.
16. GO.Rt.No.174 HM&FW(VC.1) Dept. Dtd.26-4-2021.
17. The DPH&FW LrRc.No1539/VC.IIC/2016 Dtd.22-6-2021 & 15-7-2021.

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O R D E R:

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, AP had informed that on receipt of credible information that Dr. Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, District Medical and Health Officer, Kurnool District has acquired assets disproportionate to her known sources of income by indulging in corrupt practices a case in Cr.No.11/RCA-CIU/2016 U/s 13(1) (e) r/w 13(2) of P.C. Act, 1988 was registered on 2.7.2016 and took up investigation.

2. Further, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau recommended that Dr.Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, the then District Medical and Health Officer, Kurnool District may be placed under suspension till disposal of the case for acquisition and possession of Disproportionate

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Assets through corrupt and dubious means punishable u/s 13(2) read with 13 (1) (e) of the PC ACT, 1988 during her service under AP CS (CCA) Rules, 1991 and as per G.O.Ms.No.411, G.A.D, Dated;20-7-1993.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Government have decided to accept the recommendations of the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau and issued orders by placing Dr.Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, the then DM&HO, Kurnool District under suspension till disposal of the case for acquisition and possession of Disproportionate Assets through corrupt and dubious means punishable under section 13 (2) read with 13 (1) (e) of the PC ACT, 1988 during her service under AP CS (CCA) Rules, 1991 and as per G.O.Ms.No.411, G.A.D, Dated;20-7-1993.

4. In the reference 5th read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, AP has requested the Government that suitable departmental action may be initiated against Dr. Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, the then District Medical and Health Officer, Kurnool District (u/s) for violation of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 for the above misconduct and the Government have accepted the same.

5. Accordingly, in the reference 6th read above, orders were issued by framing Articles of Charges, imputations, etc., against Dr.Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, the then DM&HO, Kurnool District (under suspension) for violation of Rule 3(1) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

6. In the reference 7th read above, the Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, AP, Vijayawada has forwarded the Written Statement of the Charged Officer for taking necessary action and the same was forwarded to the DG, ACB vide reference 9th read above, with a request to offer his remarks on the same for taking further action in the matter.

7. Further, for the time being, orders were issued to continue the suspension in respect of Dr. Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, formerly DM&HO, Kurnool District until further orders, pending finalization of the criminal/ departmental action against her in the references 6th,8th, 9th, 10th & 11th read above.

8. In the reference 12th read above, the suspension of Dr.Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, the then District Medical and Health Officer, Kurnool District was reviewed in the light of the instructions issued vide G.O.Ms.No.2285, G.A. (Ser.C) Department, Dated;18-5-2012 and G.O. Ms.No.526, G.A. (Ser.C) Department, Dated;19-08-2008 read with G.O.Ms.No.86, G.A.(Ser.C) Department, Dt:08-03-1994 and the Government have decided to revoke her suspension and reinstate her into service without prejudice to the criminal/disciplinary proceedings against her under clause (c) of sub rule (5) of Rule-8 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules,1991. Accordingly, she was reinstated into service and posted

as CSRMO, Government Victoria Hospital for Women and Children, Vishakhapatnam.

9. In the reference 13th read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, AP, has furnished the final report and informed that as the allegation that Accused Officer Dr.Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, the then District Medical &Health Officer, Kurnool acquired assets disproportionate to her known sources of income in her name is not substantiated and recommended that further action may be dropped against the Accused Officer on the allegation of assets disproportionate to her known source of income in terms of Government Memo No.623/SPL.C/2008-2, dated:16.10.2008.

10. The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has further stated the A.O. failed to obtain prior permission/prior intimation from the competent authority as contemplated under APCS(Conduct) Rules 1964 while acquiring immovable properties in her name is held substantiated. She also violated the APCS(Conduct) Rules 1964 by not filing the APRs for the entire check period except for the years 2012 and 2013 and recommended that the authorities concerned to initiate departmental action against her for major penalty.

11. Accordingly, in the reference 14th read above, after careful examination of the matter, Government have decided to drop further action against the Charged Officer Dr. Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, the then District Medical &Health Officer, Kurnool and presently working as CSRMO, Government Victoria Hospital for Women and Children, Vishakhapatnam on the allegation of acquired assets disproportionate to her known sources of income in her name, in terms of Govt. Memo.No.623/SPL.C/ 2008-2, dated:16.10.2008, as the said allegation was not substantiated.

12. Further, in the reference 15th read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has furnished draft Article of Charges in regarding to initiate Disciplinary action against the C.O. i.e. Dr. Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, formerly District Medical & Health Officer, Kurnool and presently working as CSRMO, Government Victoria Hospital for Women and Children, Vishakhapatnam.

13. Accordingly, in the reference 16th read above, draft article of charges were framed against the C.O. i.e. Dr. Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, formerly District Medical &Health Officer, Kurnool and presently working as CSRMO, Government Victoria Hospital for Women and Children, Vishakhapatnam to initiate departmental action against her for major penalty, for violation of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964;

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1. That the Government Servant purchased immovable properties in her name without obtaining prior permission from the competent authority and thereby violated Rule 9 (1) of APCS (Conduct) Rule, 1964.
2. That Government Servant failed to file annual property returns for the years 1986 to 2011 and 2014 to 2016 and thereby violated Rule 9 (7) of APCS (Conduct) Rule 1964.

14. In the reference 17th read above, the DPH&FW has forwarded the Written Statement of Defence of the C.O. i.e. Dr. Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, formerly DM&HO, Kurnool and presently working as CSRMO, Government Victoria Hospital for Women and Children, Vishakhapatnam along with her specific remarks to the Government.

15. Government, after careful examination of the material made available, hereby drop the further action against Dr.Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, formerly District Medical &Health Officer, Kurnool and presently working as CSRMO, Government Victoria Hospital for Women and Children, Vishakhapatnam.

16. The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, AP, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRAPRADESH)

MUDDADA RAVI CHANDRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Dr. Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, the then District Medical &Health Officer, Kurnool District presently working as CSRMO, Government Victoria Hospital for Women and Children, Vishakhapatnam through the Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, AP, Vijayawada.
The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, AP, Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The AP Vigilance Commission, AP Secretariat.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Pandit Nehru Bus Station, 2nd Floor, Krishnalanka, AP, Vijayawada -520001.
The OSD to Deputy CM (HFW&ME).
The PS to Principal Secretary to Govt. HM&FW Department.
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